



# BELMONT HIGH SCHOOL



## Year 7 - 2025

## Parent

# Information Booklet

*Respect*

*Responsibility*

*Resilience*



## ***PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME***

Dear Parents/Caregivers and students,

Belmont High School is a comprehensive, co-educational secondary school located in the southern suburbs of Lake Macquarie. The school was established as the first high school outside of Newcastle in 1953 and draws its enrolments from the Belmont, Belmont North, Floraville and Jewells communities. Belmont High School is a proud member of the Wakul Karabang Community and Minimbah AECG, working in partnership to improve student outcomes. In 2024, the school recorded 848 students, including 105 Aboriginal students and 7 Special Education classes.

Belmont High School has a culture of excellence in sport with particular success in diving and trampolining. The renowned Creative and Performing Arts Program includes exemplary concert band, stage band, percussion and choral music ensembles. There are high expectations for student academic achievement. The school provides an Enrichment Stream in Years 7-10 and a Senior Learning Hub operates daily providing support for students in the completion of assessment tasks and study. Students also receive extensive support in accessing School-based Apprenticeships and Traineeships and transition to local-industry and tertiary study post-school pathways. The Positive Behaviour for Learning Program focuses on developing the qualities of respect, responsibility and resilience in our students.

The school has recently been transformed through a \$30 million upgrade completed in 2019, incorporating new student and staff facilities, Special Education, Hospitality and Technology learning spaces and administration areas; providing a modern, future focused learning environment.

I welcome all students and families to our school and look forward to a close, supportive and positive association as we strive to uphold our school motto Quantum Potero - I will achieve my potential.

Yours sincerely,



Brett Carr  
Relieving Principal





## KEY CONTACTS FOR YEAR 7

**RELIEVING PRINCIPAL**

Mr Brett Carr



**DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - YEAR 7 2025**

Mr Michael Allenby



**YEAR ADVISOR**

Ms Emilia Forrest



**DEPUTY PRINCIPAL INCLUSION AND SUPPORT**

Mrs Naomi Durie



**HEAD TEACHER - LEARNING AND WELLBEING**

Mrs Karen Newman



## WELFARE AND ADMINISTRATION

Karen Sawyer – Student Support Officer (SSO)

Catherine Sandall – Community Liaison Officer (CLO)

Leanne Cox – Administration

## General School Information

Street Address:	424 Pacific Highway, Belmont 2280
Postal Address:	PO Box 2345, Gateshead 2290
Telephone:	4945 0600
E-mail:	<a href="mailto:belmont-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au">belmont-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au</a>
Web Address:	<a href="https://belmont-h.schools.nsw.gov.au">https://belmont-h.schools.nsw.gov.au</a>
Parents and Citizens Association:	Meets on the third Wednesday of each Month at 5.30pm in the School Office or via zoom



## Transition Program for Incoming Year 7 students

2024	Event	Who to contact?	What's Involved?
Term 1	Parent Meeting	Principal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This is our why...</li> </ul>
	Academic Selective Class	Deputy Principal Year 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Application available from Belmont High School</li> <li>Academic Selective Class Testing</li> <li>Students notified of Academic Class results</li> </ul>
	CAPA Enrichment Class	Head Teacher CAPA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Applications available from Belmont High School website</li> <li>Applications need to be submitted with supporting material from student and school</li> </ul>
	Out of Zone Students	Principal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Selection</li> <li>Notification</li> </ul>
Term 2	Liaise with Primary Schools	Head Teacher Learning and Wellbeing Year Adviser Head Teacher Special Education Deputy Principal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Liaise with Primary schools re: enrolments</li> <li>Gather information on individual students</li> <li>Placement of vulnerable/special needs students</li> </ul>
Term 3	Orientation Day	Head Teacher Learning and Wellbeing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Second Orientation Day</li> </ul>
	Enrolment	Administration Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enrolment Confirmations sent home</li> </ul>
	Formation of Classes	Head Teacher Learning and Wellbeing Year Adviser Deputy Principal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information gathered from primary schools</li> <li>Results from tests conducted</li> </ul>
Term 4	Vulnerable Students Program	Head Teacher Learning and Wellbeing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Selection of students – from primary schools</li> <li>Liaise with primary school support staff</li> <li>Parent Information/meeting</li> </ul>
	Parent Information Evening	Principal Head Teacher Learning and Wellbeing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update Parents</li> <li>Distribute information package</li> <li>Year 7 Camp Information</li> </ul>
	Primary School Visits	Year Adviser	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Term 4 - TBA</li> </ul>
	Orientation Day	Head Teacher Learning and Wellbeing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Final Orientation Day</li> </ul>
	Uniforms Bookpack Orders	Belmont High School Uniform Shop COS Bookpacks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Outlined at Parent meeting.</li> </ul>
	YEAR 7 CAMP	Head Teacher Learning and Wellbeing Year Adviser	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information sheets</li> <li>Year 7 Meetings</li> <li>Information evening for parents</li> </ul>

## CURRICULUM

In 2025 courses on offer are as follows:

### Year 7

Students study the core subjects English, Mathematics, Science, PD/H/PE, Australian Geography, Music, Visual Art and Technology (Mandatory).

### Year 8

Students study the core subjects English, Maths, Science, Australian History, Japanese, PD/H/PE, Technology (Mandatory). Two Year 8 Semester electives are offered across various faculty areas in the school. Year 8 Semester Electives are offered for students as a 'taster' for Year 9 Electives.

### Years 9 and 10

The core subjects English, Mathematics, Science, History, Geography and PD/H/PE continue as in Year 8. In addition, students study two electives in Year 9 and two electives in Year 10.

Examples of available subjects are listed below.

Electives Years 9 and 10 (Examples)	
Aboriginal Studies	Japanese
Child Studies	Music
Commerce	Physical Activity and Sport Studies (PASS)
Dance	Psychology
Drama	Outdoor Education
Food Technology	Textiles Technology
Graphics Technology	Visual Art
Industrial Technology – Electronics	Visual Design
Industrial Technology – Timber	Work Education
iStem	
International Studies	

### Years 11 and 12

Students choose all their subjects from a wide range of courses covering academic and vocational courses taught at the school and various TAFE Colleges. English is mandatory in Years 11 and 12, but students can select the level of English to study.

Courses Offered		
Aboriginal Studies	Industrial Technology	Society and Culture
Ancient History	Investigating Science	Textiles and Design
Biology	Legal Studies	Visual Arts
Business Studies	Mathematics	VET Hospitality
Chemistry	Mathematics Standard	VET Construction
Community and Family Studies	Modern History	VET Retail Operations
Dance	Music 1	English Extension
Drama	Numeracy	Mathematics Extension
Engineering Studies	PD/H/PE	Japanese Continuers
Geography	Physics	
Content Endorsed Course		
Exploring Early Childhood	Photography, Video and Digital Media	Sport, Lifestyle and Recreation
Work Studies	Visual Design	



## YEAR 7 2025 ENROLMENT AND TRANSITION PROCESS INFORMATION SHEET

### **Enrolment Process:**

1. Complete Expression of Interest form online or alternatively complete the form provided by your local primary school and **return it to your primary school**.
2. Belmont High School will inform parents and ask them to complete an application to enrol online. Parents will need to include three documents proving residence, copy of birth certificate and immunisation.
3. Out of zone enrolments processed in three rounds – “Yes”, “No” or “Waiting List”. Determination made based on criteria. Belmont High School may request other supporting documentation.
4. Enrolment acceptance letters issued once placement is confirmed.

### **Class Placement:**

1. *Academically Selective Class*- This class seeks to engage and challenge students to achieve at the highest levels and extend their learning opportunities. To be eligible for selection for this class, students participate in a test assessing their ability in Numeracy, Reading, Language and Writing. To apply to undertake this test, students require a school endorsement that they have already achieved in the above areas at a satisfactory minimum standard.
2. *CAPA Enrichment Class* – Students who are accepted into this program are identified as being talented and/or gifted in the creative and/or performing arts. To be eligible for selection in this class, students complete an audition and/or present a portfolio of work.
3. *Literacy and Numeracy Class* –The class is focused on supporting students to enhance their literacy and numeracy skills. The class (7L) is targeted for specialised literacy and numeracy support and is only offered to students who have demonstrated positive behaviour and attendance in Year 6. Students are nominated from their primary school for this class. It is designed to boost literacy and numeracy proficiency to help students achieve learning outcomes at a stage appropriate level. The class operates with a home room and a maximum of 20 students.
4. *Mixed ability classes* - All other students are placed in mixed ability classes based on student Transition Profiles and other information provided by their primary school teachers.

***Please see the attached sheet for key dates for the Year 7 2025 Enrolment and Transition Process and contact the school on 4945 0600 if you have any questions.***

## Belmont High School Transition Program

### Important Dates for Year 7 2025

<b>TERM 1 - 2024</b>	
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Year 7 2025 Parent Information Evening CAPA Enrichment Class QR code Expression of Interest Academic Selective Class QR code Expression of Interest
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	CAPA Enrichment Class QR code Expression of Interest closes – Applications to be emailed Academic Selective Class QR code Expression of Interest closes– Applications to be emailed
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Complete EOI online or return to primary school by this date.
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Academic Selective Class applications due (last day of Term 1)
<b>TERM 2 - 2024</b>	
<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May</b>	CAPA Enrichment Class applications due
<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Non Local Enrolments: Round 1
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May</b>	Academic Selective Class Testing at Belmont High School
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Non Local Enrolments: Round 1 offers/declines finalised and parents notified
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Local Student information requests sent to parents
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June</b>	CAPA Enrichment Class auditions and workshop at Belmont High School
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Non Local Enrolments: Round 2
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Non Local Enrolments: Round 2 offers/declines finalised and parents notified
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Students notified of Academic Selective Class and CAPA Enrichment Class placement outcomes.
<b>TERM 3 - 2024</b>	
<b>TBA</b>	First Orientation Day for partner school students
<b>Weeks 3-10 (every Tuesday)</b>	Special Education Transition Program – 9am-10.00am
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Enrolment Confirmation. All enrolment confirmations sent to parents
<b>TERM 4 - 2024</b>	
<b>Weeks 1-5 (every Tuesday)</b>	Special Education Transition Program – 9am-11.00am
<b>Weeks 6-8 (every Tuesday)</b>	Special Education Transition Program – 9am-12.00pm
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November</b>	Non Local Student Transition Day
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Aboriginal Student Transition Day 'Yarn Up'
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	Parent Information Evening
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December</b>	Final Orientation Day – Belmont High School

**\*Dates accurate as of Publication**



# Non-Local Enrolment Applications

## Introduction

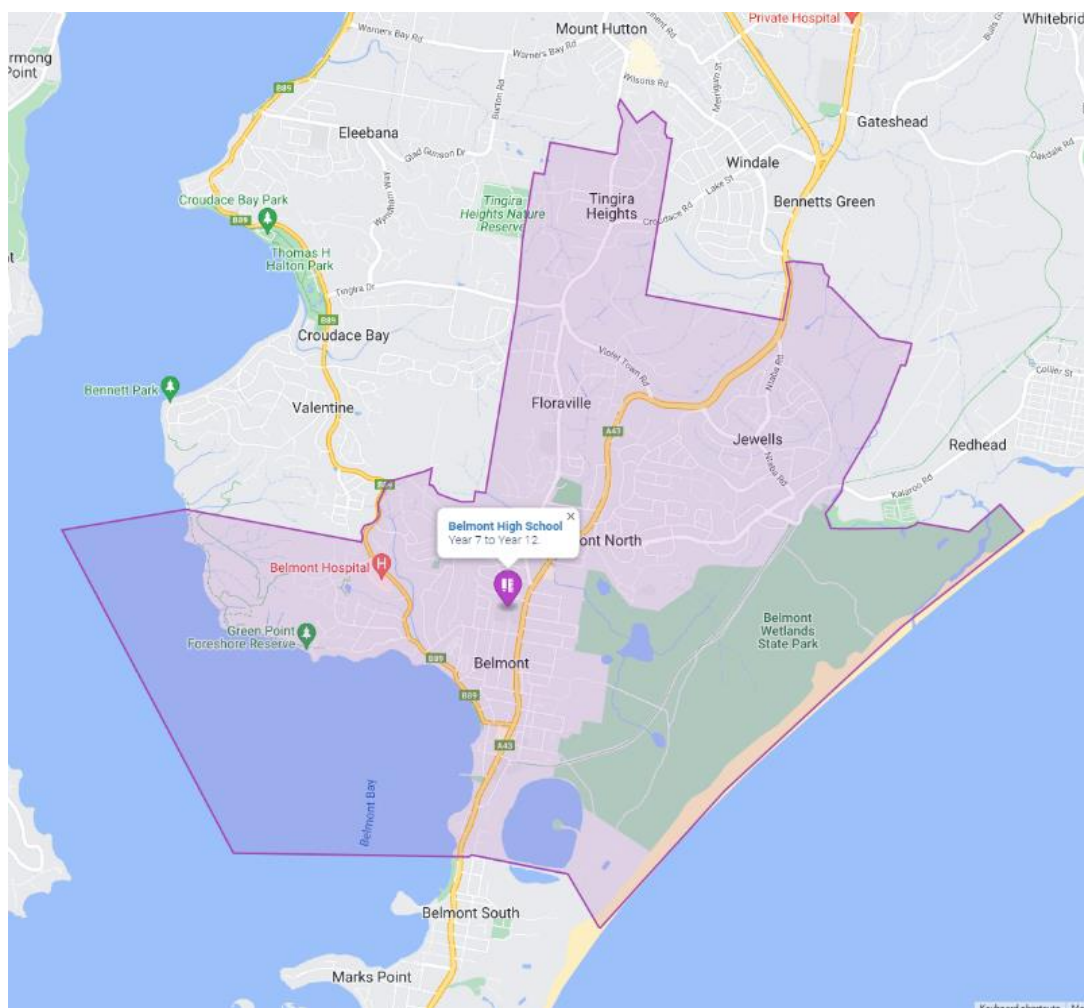
This application must be completed by students seeking enrolment at Belmont High School, but living outside the following boundaries and areas. Students who qualify as local enrolments are defined as residing permanently, with their parents/ guardian / primary care giver, within our local area, not by the primary school they attend.

Students seeking Non-Local enrolment must submit an application through their primary school.

## Boundaries

- To the North West      Tingira Heights – all streets, (including Sanctuary Grove) off Violet Town Rd, from Burton Rd to Krempins Nursery (including the McElwee Dr subdivision); Croudace Rd to the end of the houses.
- To the West              Croudace Bay Road and all subdivisions adjacent to the hospital from Spinnaker Ridge Way through to Green Point.
- To the South             Cold Tea Creek
- To North/North East    Crokers Creek to Pacific Hwy thence Fencott Drive/ Dirkala Close

Please visit <https://schoolfinder.education.nsw.gov.au/> for more details of our catchment area.





Year 7 2025 Academic Selective  
Class Expression of Interest Survey



Year 7 2025 CAPA Enrichment Class  
Expression of Interest

